

may God bless you!" God has blessed me."

"Where is Dan?" asked his friend.

"Dan died six years ago, that is his little girl who came to the door. It was an awful blow to the dear old lady when Dan died, and she has never been strong since that dark day. But she has been so good as to tell me that I bring much sunshine into her life, and I thank God that I am able to do so."

## Sisters' Society C. E.

Ashland, Ohio

As our winter term of school has closed and tomorrow we enter upon another term's work I wish to say a few words concerning our Bible class. This is the department of the school that the S. S. C. E. is most interested in but I hope I may say a word that will also interest the young people more. Last fall we studied the life of Christ, the one whom we all enjoy reading about. We see how he suffered and died for our sins. All he asks in return is for us to obey his word and by so doing we will live pure and noble Christian lives, thus we will be better prepared to help those who do not know what wonderful things are in store for them if they would only believe on him. During the winter term we studied the Book of Acts and found how Paul labored to bring souls to Christ. The term that we are now about to enter upon I know will also be very helpful. We are going to study the Epistles of Paul. Brother Miller is also going to give us a few lessons in Bible geography each week, which will be very useful to us in our Bible study. I wish there were more of our young people who could take this work with us; I know you would enjoy it. If you, my young sister and brother had the opportunity of attending our class for one week I think you would become interested and we would soon have a large class. If you cannot attend school this spring try to come next September and stay the whole year. I know you will never regret that you came. There are twice as many students here this year as there were last year, and we hope that next year the number will be again doubled.

ADA SANGER.

From the President

Dear S. S. C. E. Workers:—Shall not our columns, too, ring with the praises for the glorious victory won? Without your efforts, my dear sisters, without the noble contributions from your societies to the Washington church fund, I am sure this special number of the EVANGELIST could not be issued this week. Let the Lord have all the praise; "for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do his good pleasure."

It has been with great interest and delight that I have read your names in Brother Cassel's weekly report of this church fund. I know it meant hard work in some places to raise your contributions. Should there yet be any who have not reported and find it difficult to get the brick cards filled, send to Brother Cassel, what you have collected.

With the thousand dollars report of this week we have indeed passed beyond the first payment, but, while such an unusual spirit of giving is flowing thru the brotherhood, why not march grandly on to the end of the last payment.

The success of this enterprise has indeed been surprising to many of us. It didn't give us time to finish working out the S. S. C. E. plan for the building of the Washington church, as suggested by Sister Beachly. But God so often gives more than we ask for, and this instance it is a clear case of his own way of answering prayer. Judging from the picture of the church, the building is as good and commodious as will be needed there for some time. 'Tis indeed a triumphant event in the history of the Washington church. I have just been thinking how much more inspiring it would be for me now to do house-to-house canvassing, than when there was no place to invite the people to but an upstairs hall.

May you all be rewarded, dear sisters, for your hearty response to the Washington cause. I see in this a bright hope for future work to be done thru our beloved S. S. C. E. I trust that the local work of each society may also be prospering at present and continue into the summer. Tho I don't write every week I am continually remembering you in your efforts to make the local society a success. Many times my thots travel back to the churches visited and when, with my mind's eye, I again see your kindly faces I am cheered and strengthened.

VIANNA DETWILER

## Our Young People

A SHELTERED FRUIT—Rom. 14 : 17 ; Gal. 5:22

There is a fruit whose heavenly taste is sought  
By all the world, yet many find it not,

(Luke 13 : 24)

For divers like-appearing fruits abound

(Prov. 15 : 21)

Which satisfy until the real is found.

And then grow tasteless, aye and bitter too,

(Job 20 : 5)

Erstwhile the real continues ever new.

(John 16 : 22)

This precious fruit may thrive in every clime,

In every heart and home, in every time,

A sheltered fruit; 'tis never found alone;

Two kindred fruits by it have ever grown,

Which, bending over as a yoke, enclose

Its tender boughs secure from all its foes.

The tree of righteousness on one side spreads,

Its branches o'er with fruit of loving deeds

(Prov. 21 : 14; Rom. 14 : 17.)

And on the other bending low, sweet peace

(Gal. 5 : 22)

Whose magic presence makes the storms to cease.

Thus grows this sheltered fruit and only they

Who bend beneath the yoke of service, may

Discern its hiding place. And would'st thou, friend,

(Matt. 11 : 28-30)

Find out its name, its meaning and its end?

Then seek it not amid the vain desires

Of worldlings in whose heart the fires

(Eccl. 2 : 10, 11)

Of selfishness yet burn, but hand in hand

With him who planted it, there stand.

(Ps. 16 : 11)

Tho red and crystal drops may often flow

(John 15 : 11)

In sacrifice, yet by them thou shalt know

What, just to know, is worth beyond compute.

(Ps. 126 : 5)

Be thine this knowledge, friend, and

Thine this sheltered fruit.

(Jude 24.)

C. F. YODER.

SERVING GOD JOYOUSLY—Matt. 22 : 1-14

Topic, April 22

Joy is the fruit of harmony. The more of the universe we are in harmony with the larger and more stable is our joy. The selfish man is in harmony only with himself; he cares not how it may go with others. When one begins to consider the rights of others the love which is life begins to grow in his heart. As one surrenders his own selfish interests to the good of the world he rises to the plane of life where he lived who gave his life for the world. He lived the fullest life because he most emptied himself of all that is narrow and selfish. He was most exalted because he most humbled himself that he might share the burdens of common humanity. Because he said "All mine is thine" he could also say "All thine is mine." He brought his own will into harmony with that of the Father and in consequence all fulness of life and love and joy and power was his.

And this joy he bequeathed to his disciples. As he was in the world so we are in the world. As he overcame so we are to overcome. As he came not to be ministered unto but to minister so we are to follow in his steps. As we get out of our lives all those things which are petty, mean, selfish, and sensual, fruit of the sinful nature, we rise to consciousness of harmony with God and the peace "which passeth all understanding" flows like the tide on the river of forgiveness.

It is little wonder that the redeemed should shout for joy; that prison stones before their eyes should become garlands of roses, that even martyr's flames should fail to quench the fount of joy which springs forever in the hearts of those whose lives are "hid with Christ in God." The downcast Christian is an anomaly.

We may not see all our desires accomplished in life but the supreme desire we may accomplish, that is, to do the will of God. If our joy is found in doing this, come persecution, come misunderstanding, come martyrdom, come anything, our joy will be fulfilled. From this view point let us serve our Father joyously.

SCRIPTURE LIGHT

1 God wants us to be happy. Isa. 61 : 3 ; 65 : 14; Deut. 28 : 47, 48 ; John 15 : 11

It is wonderful, when one observes it, how often God's people are told to rejoice. How many times Jesus himself said, "Blessed are ye" and how great a part of his work and teaching was spent in simply making people happy. He came to give "the oil of joy for mourning and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness." Isa. 61 : 1-3

2 Joy in being right with God. Ps. 16 : 11 ; Neh. 8 : 10 ; I Cor. 1 : 12 ; Ps. 43 : 34

3 Joy in fellowship of the Spirit. Rom. 14 : 17 ; Acts 13 : 52 ; Gal. 5 : 22.

4 Joy in salvation. Luke 10 : 20 ; Ps. 51 : 10-12.

5 Joy in bringing others to the kingdom. Luke 10 : 17 ; Ps. 126 : 5, 6 ; 42 : 4 ; 122 : 1

6 Joy in obedience. John 13 : 17

7 Joy in giving. I Chron. 29 : 17

8 Joy in persecution for Christ's sake. Luke 6 : 23 ; Jas. 1 : 2.

9 Joy in fruitfulness. Luke 15 : 7 ; Heb. 13 : 17 ; I Thess. 2 : 20.

10 Joy in knowing the truth. John 15 : 11

11 Joy in a good conscience. Rom. 14 : 22.

12 Joy in seeing others successful. John 3 : 28-30.

13 Joy in hope. Rom. 12 : 12.

14 Joy an incentive. Heb. 12 : 2 ; Matt. 25 : 21-23

15 Joy caused by love. Philemon 7.

16 Joy should be manifested in practical ways. II Cor. 8 : 2.

17 Joy should be shared. Rom. 12 : 15

Other good verses on joyous service: Ps. 27 : 6 ; 30 : 5 ; 132 : 9 ; 95 : 2 ; 100 : 2 ; 5 : 11 ; 35 : 9 ; Luke 2 : 10 ; Hab. 3 : 18 ; Rom. 5 : 11 ; Isa. 56 : 7 ; Prov. 14 : 21 ; I Thess. 5 : 16

Some occasions for joy in service as taught by Jesus. (Perhaps the following verses can be memorized by Juniors. Let all stand and each repeat a